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Overview

In general, the state's biodiesel mandate law requires fuel blenders to incorporate a specified amount of biodiesel into the diesel fuel sold in the state. However, the law exempts the diesel fuel used in specific equipment from this requirement. It also exempts all Number 1 diesel fuel sold during the cold-weather months (October through March) each year.

This bill creates a new exemption for diesel fuel used for testing by companies that design and manufacturer diesel generators for use in other states or countries where, unlike Minnesota, biodiesel use is not required. These companies could use pure diesel fuel for this purpose.

The bill also delays the effective date of the 20 percent biodiesel mandate by three years; extends the equipment exemptions indefinitely; and expands the exemption for Number 1 diesel fuel year-round until May 1, 2020.